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- Adapting to increased federal and state regulation and enforcement in the residential mortgage context
- Loan servicing: assessing the impact of the AG settlement and new servicing standards, complying with document and affidavit procedures and implementing effective loss mitigation strategies
- Examining the CFPB's new and emerging enforcement initiatives and supervisory agenda
- Overcoming contested foreclosures, responding to borrower counterclaims and defending against loan servicing, MERS and standing claims
- Residential mortgage legislation and litigation in California and its impact on the industry
- Preventing, managing and defending against the latest **fair lending claims** and evaluating the status of "disparate impact" in lending litigation and enforcement
- Determining what increased **outreach efforts and look-backs** mean for the foreclosure review process
- Defending against class action litigation and examining class action trends involving residential mortgage litigation in California

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With the implementation of the AG settlement, the changing status of the foreclosure look-back and outreach process, and the CFPB squarely focused on residential mortgages with new proposals, examinations and enforcement actions, the residential mortgage industry is constantly changing. California is at the center of residential mortgage activity, and with its Homeowners Bill of Rights, recent loan modification decisions and foreclosure prevention programs, many states will look to California in the future to expand foreclosure protections for borrowers. It is critical that both in-house and outside counsel understand the latest residential mortgage activity in California and nationally, and are prepared for the new wave of litigation and comprehensive federal and state regulations and enhanced enforcement efforts that the next year will bring.

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- Get an up to the minute assessment of the CFPB's impact on the residential mortgage industry and learn how to adapt to the CFPB's regulatory and enforcement agenda
- Hear how federal, state and bankruptcy judges are handling emerging plaintiff theories and defense strategies, case management, e-discovery, foreclosure documentation errors and more
- Understand the latest residential mortgage legislation and litigation in California and its importance to the larger residential mortgage industry
- Get updates directly from state and federal officials and attorneys general on complying with emerging regulatory and enforcement initiatives

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#### DAY ONE | THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013

#### 7:20 Registration and Continental Breakfast

#### 8:00 Co-Chairs' Welcoming Remarks

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Buckley Sandler LLP Bryan Cave LLP (Santa Monica, CA) (Santa Monica, CA)

8:05 Adapting to Increased Federal and State Regulation and Enforcement, Preventing and Managing Mortgage Litigation Involving Lending, Servicing & Foreclosure, and How In-House Counsel Manage Expectations With Respect to Lawsuits and Exposure

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Moderator:

Hunter R. Eley

Partner

Doll Amir & Eley LLP (Los Angeles, CA)

- What are the most challenging aspects from a corporate counsel perspective in updating compliance procedures in the wake of Dodd-Frank?
- Impact of the AG settlement on the broader mortgage servicing industry
  - Likelihood of national servicing standards
  - Enforcement issues; ensuring compliance
- How are lenders and servicers adapting to new regulations?
  - What changes have been made?

- Who are lenders and servicers looking to for guidance?
- Managing and responding to enforcement actions
  - Tools available when facing an enforcement action
  - Dealing with overzealous requests in regulatory inquiries
  - Jurisdictional hurdles when dealing with multiple agencies
  - The role of state attorneys versus federal agencies
- Procedures & staffing in customer service depts.
  - Preventing litigation by maintaining proper
  - communication and meeting customer expectations
     Using customer complaint processes to identify root
  - Using customer complaint processes to identify root causes and systemic issues
- How to adapt litigation strategies and settlement calculations in light of the uncertain legal and regulatory landscape
  - Handling broad discovery requests
  - Managing litigation over alleged foreclosure documentation errors and robo-signing practices
  - Establishing ownership of a loan
- · Working with outside counsel
  - Top 5 issues that outside counsel should be thinking about
  - Coordination of responsibilities
  - In-house pet peeves and concerns

#### 9:25 The CFPB's Regulatory and Enforcement Agenda

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Deputy Enforcement Director for Litigation

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Washington, DC)

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#### **Moderator:**

Andrew K. Stutzman

Chair, Mortgage and Lending Litigation Practice Group Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP (Philadelphia, PA)

- The CFPB's regulatory and supervisory agenda
  - Rewrite of the mortgage process
  - How the CFPB will deal with qualified mortgage and the ability to repay
    - Definition of qualified mortgage
    - Safe harbor or merely a presumption of legality?
- New proposals on servicing
  - CFPB enforcement initiatives against non-bank affiliated mortgage default servicers
    - CFPB and similar foreclosure look-backs
- Which UDAAPs are being targeted most heavily by the CFPB?
  - Assessing the definition of abusive practices
  - Potential pitfalls for lenders and servicers

- CFPB examinations and enforcement actions
  - Civil enforcement actions
  - How will exams work
  - What are the policy objective
  - What is the complaint process
  - What do or not do if contacted for an exam
- CFPB stance on arbitration agreements in lending contexts
  - Study of arbitration clauses in consumer financial products
  - Is arbitration enforceable in a mortgage clause?
  - Collection issues when there has been a default
- · Proposed mortgage disclosure forms
  - RESPA/TILA proposed rule
- Practical effects of the CFPB's initiatives on compliance and litigation strategies
- QWR's under the Dodd-Frank Act
  - Changes to the QWR provisions and the CFPB's mortgage loan complaint process
- Evaluating preemption in the wake of Dodd-Frank

11:00 Morning Coffee Break

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#### 11:15 View from Federal and State Agencies and Attorneys General on New and Emerging Initiatives and Priorities

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Robb C. Adkins

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- What servicing practices are being challenged by federal regulators?
- National servicing standards from the AG settlement?
- Increased focus on fair lending concerns
- · Mortgage origination standards

- Status report on the foreclosure look-backs and outreach
- Cooperating with investigations
- Perspectives on the AG settlement and its broader implications for the mortgage servicing industry
- Impact of CFPB proposals on state enforcement initiatives
  - Ensuring compliance with UDAP laws in light of enhanced enforcement initiatives
  - Cooperating with investigations
- What default servicing practices are being challenged?
- By states?; By AGs?
- Real Estate Mortgage Backed Securities Working Group
  - What is this group, and what impact will it have on the mortgage industry?
  - How is it targeting RMBS issues
- New priorities involving smaller banks and non-bank servicers
- The status of force-placed insurance litigation and regulatory enforcement actions
- Mortgage servicing and origination standards
  - Simplification of forms
- Reaching consent settlements with regulators
- Aggressive state and multi-state tactics
  - Increased focus on fair lending standards
  - Assessing the multi-state mortgage examination process
- Retrospective on foreclosure moratoriums and foreclosure delays in various states
- 12:55 Networking Luncheon for Speakers and Attendees
- 1:55 Judicial Perspectives on Emerging Plaintiff
  Theories and Defense Strategies, Trial and
  Case Management, E-Discovery, Foreclosure
  Documentation Errors and more

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#### **Moderator:**

Gregory S. Korman

Partner

View From the Bench

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP (Los Angeles, CA)

- · New and emerging plaintiff theories and defense strategies
- · Novel approaches to trial and case management
- Impact of court-implemented rules
- Attorney affidavits
- File reviews
- Enhanced pleading requirements

- Insights into discretionary awards of attorneys' fees and sanctions
- Loan modification litigation
- Judicial perspectives on e-discovery
  - Expectations of counsel when dealing with voluminous discovery requests
- 3:25 Afternoon Refreshment Break
- 3:35 Judicial Insights on Class Certification and Proof of Claim Issues, Foreclosure Litigation Standards in Bankruptcy Court, Scope of Jurisdiction, Strategies for Maximizing Recovery from Borrowers in Bankruptcy and More

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#### Moderator:

Katrina Christakis

Partner

Grady Pilgrim Christakis Bell LLP (Chicago, IL)

- Navigating through bankruptcy court what lenders and servicers need to know
- How foreclosure cases have been evolving in bankruptcy court
  - The scope of bankruptcy court jurisdiction
- Judicial insights on foreclosure mediation programs
- Stern v. Marshall
- Recent bankruptcy cases
  - Class certification decisions
  - Latest cases regarding ownership of a note/debt
- Litigating claims in bankruptcy court
  - Defending against borrower claims
  - Foreclosure litigation standards in bankruptcy court
  - Affidavit issues
  - Proof of claim issues
- The effect of *United Student Aid Funds, Inc. v. Espinosa* on the mortgage industry

# 4:55 Focus on Residential Mortgage Litigation in the State of California

Paul Leonard
California Director
Center for Responsible Lending (Oakland, CA)

*Michael R. Pfeifer*Managing Partner
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- Expansion of existing foreclosure protections for borrowers through the Homeowners Bill of Rights
  - Potential for other states to enact similar legislation
  - Question of federal preemption over bill sections from the national federal settlement
- Implementation of the CA Homeowner's Bill of Rights
  - How the bill will be implemented, and its potential impact on lenders and homeowners
    - Risk that the law will reduce home values
  - Provisions of the Bill
    - Restriction of dual-track foreclosures and robosigning
    - Extension of previous sunset provisions
    - Private right of action and the ramifications of quasi-judicial foreclosure
  - How the legislation will affect the way foreclosures occur
- Increased litigation due to the built in cause of action
- Standing to foreclose in California
  - Where is the law now?; what's expected for the future?
- Eminent domain as a tool to seize mortgages
  - How will the loans be valued?
  - Where will the money come from?
  - Possible ramifications of the proposal
- · Loan modification in CA
  - Nungaray v. Litton Loan Servicing LP (Ca. Ct. App.)
  - Preliminary "loan work out plan" in mortgage modifications and HAMP transactions
  - How courts are dealing with this case and resistance to it in federal court
- Foreclosure prevention programs
  - State mandated foreclosure avoidance programs
  - Judge initiated foreclosure prevention programs
- 6:00 Conference Adjourns

#### DAY TWO | FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2013

- 7:30 Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 Loan Servicing: Assessing the Impact of the State AG Settlement and the CFPB on Servicing Standards, Ensuring Compliance with Document and Affidavit Procedures and Effective Loss Mitigation Strategies

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- Update on the State AG settlement implementation process
  - Where is the money going, and how is it flowing down?
  - Monitoring the settlement
  - Impact of the settlement on servicing standards
  - Consequences of the consent order
- New servicing standards proposed by the CFPB
  - Status
  - Interplay with AG settlements
- Servicer liability for lack of disclosure
  - Viability of a good faith defense
  - Demonstrating adequate disclosure
  - Conducting due diligence of servicing compliance
- · Pending state initiatives
- Loan modifications
  - Borrower claims and effective defenses
  - Lessons learned from HAMP loss mitigation
- Foreclosure reform/legislative trends, including movement for the 2013 term
- Foreclosure process enhancements
- Essential documents required for foreclosure cases
  - When is and what pieces of the original loan documentation are necessary?
  - Issues around possession, note and assignment
- Refuting claims of documentation error
- · Lessons learned from prior documentation errors
  - Standardization of forms
- Ensuring compliance with local fee caps on attorney's fees and related foreclosure filings
- Loss mitigation programs and strategies
- FDCPA developments; definition of debt and exclusion of collateral enforcement litigation

#### 9:15 Preventing, Managing and Defending Against the Latest Fair Lending Claims and Assessing the Impact of 'Disparate Impact' in Lending Litigation and Enforcement

Christopher T. Shaheen Vice President & Chief Litigation Counsel U.S. Bank (Minneapolis, MN)

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Partner

Perkins Coie LLP (Seattle, WA)

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Partner

Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP (Los Angeles, CA)

- Defending against the most recent cases and enforcement actions alleging fair lending violations
  - Early interviews and information gathering
- How state and federal agencies are approaching fair lending
- Impact of the CFPB on fair lending litigation
  - Increased focus by the CFPB and DOJ on disparate impact
  - Assessing the status of disparate impact in lending litigation and enforcement
- Force-placed insurance

- Lessons from the Wells Fargo fair lending settlement
- Public relations concerns
- Proactive steps to avoid predatory lending claims and prevent future claims
  - Conducting internal compliance assessments and training
  - Resolving disputes before borrowers file suit

#### 10:15 Morning Coffee Break

#### FOCUS ON FORECLOSURE LOOK-BACKS AND LITIGATION

10:25 Assessing the Status of Look-Backs and Increased Outreach Efforts, and What They Mean for the Future of the Foreclosure Review Process

Deborah Jones

Partner

Alston & Bird LLP (Los Angeles, CA)

A. Michelle Canter

Partner

Lotstein Legal PLLC (Norcross, GA)

- Status report by the OCC/FRB
- An analysis of the lengthened timeline associated with the look-back and outreach process
- Modifications to the outreach website
- Outreach to borrowers
  - Addition of remediation information in borrow communications
    - Lump sum amounts, rescinded foreclosures
  - Targeted additional round of outreach to non-responding populations, and increased use of consumer groups to spread the word
- Required analysis of borrower characteristics by servicers
  - Zip code, primary language, education levels, etc.
  - Additional characteristics?
- What is the financial harm analysis that will come out of the look-back process?

#### 11:20 Overcoming Contested Foreclosures, Responding to Borrower Counterclaims and Defending Against Claims Relating to Loan Servicing, MERS and Standing

Therese G. Franzén

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Burr Forman (Birmingham, AL)

Scott A. King

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Thompson Hine LLP (Dayton, OH)

- Managing borrower counterclaims in contested foreclosures
- Overcoming commonly raised defenses including TILA, SCRA, fraud, and rescission claims

- RESPA/TILA joint disclosure
- Preventing bankruptcy from becoming a means for borrowers to stall foreclosures
- · Loan modification and foreclosure
  - Defending against counterclaims arising from loan modifications and HAMP
  - Loan modification litigation
  - Wigod and its aftermath
- · Defending against claims relating to loan servicing, including
  - Debt collection practices
    - FDCPA and debt collection claims in the residential mortgage context
  - Credit reporting claims
  - Escrow
  - RESPA
    - Freeman v. Quicken Loans Inc.
      - Issues surrounding fee sharing
    - Actual damages a look at the unresolved standard of proof after the Supreme Court's rejection of Cert. in the First American Financial Corp. v. Edwards case
- Update on MERS litigation
  - Borrower claims
  - Qui tam cases
  - County recorder/AG litigation
- Assessing and combatting borrower attacks on standing
- MERS interest as a mortgagee or beneficiary
- Assignment of mortgages
- 12:35 Managing and Defending Against Class Actions:
  Prevailing Against New Plaintiff Strategies,
  Application and Impact of Concepcion and
  Wal-Mart v. Dukes, and Class Action Mortgage
  Trends in the State of California

Christopher Chorba

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- Class action trends involving residential mortgage litigation
  - Loan modification litigation
  - Force-placed insurance litigation
  - What to expect going forward
- New and emerging claim approaches
  - Defending against the influx of cases being brought by plaintiffs' attorneys and state AGs
  - Where plaintiffs are filing and why
    - Using this information to structure your case
- The continuing impact of Wal-Mart v. Dukes on class certifications
  - How are the federal (and state) courts applying the decision
  - Defeating plaintiffs' arguments that *Wal-Mart* should not apply to a particular case

- Comcast and post-Wal-Mart issues
- The treatment of AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion by lower court and emerging legal issues
- Settlement considerations
  - Making the decision to settle, and ensuring effective client communication throughout the settlement process
  - Evaluating tradeoffs in scope of class and release; creating a comprehensive settlement order
  - Litigating the release
- 1:50 Conference Ends Luncheon for Focus Session Participants



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Managing Local Governments' Increased Use of Ordinance Violations to Regulate Properties in Foreclosure

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Additional speakers TBD

- Preventing local action to recoup losses and manage properties from disrupting a business's day to day activities
- Holding banks liable for abatement costs and property damage occurring while they hold a property
  - LA suit against US Bank over run down homes
- Attacks on the MERS model
  - County class actions alleging municipal violation for failure to record assignments with county recorder's office
  - Targeting the ability of MERS to act as a beneficiary Recent state decisions
- Use of eminent domain to seize underwater properties
- At what point in the foreclosure process should lenders maintain a home as though they own it?
  - Risks that arise from requiring mortgage servicers to register their properties after and upon foreclosures
  - Complications of securitization
- Financial institutions working with cities
  - Negotiating for properties to be donated for community use

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